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ABSTRACT

The current crisis in geography education has spawned several books on mapmaking, many of which advocate either recitation and drill or a conceptual top-down model that ignores children's interests. Maintaining that there is no substitute for hands-on experience, this book presents an alternative model. The initial emphasis is on local projects that begin in students' own backyards and communities, and provide a sense of place. The projects begin by having the students stay close to home, mapping their known world. Gradually, they move on to their neighborhood, developing a sense of place, scope, and perspective. Eventually, once students are older, they explore the nation, the world, even the solar system, creating raised relief maps and contour maps to develop visual literacy and spatial reasoning skills. Vivid illustrations of the students' work are provided throughout to let the teacher observe each stage of development. Mapmaking has relevance across the curriculum and appeals not only to social studies teachers, but science teachers, language arts teachers, and mathematics teachers looking for new ways to invigorate the curriculum. The book's contents include: (1) "Fostering Ecological Literacy through Mapmaking"; (2) "The Geography of Childhood: A Developmental Portrait"; (3) "There's No Place Like Home and School: Ages Five through Six"; (4) "Out and About Explorations: Ages Seven through Eight"; (5) "It Takes a Village To Raise a Child: Ages Nine through Ten"; (6) "Up, Up, and Away: Ages Eleven through Twelve"; (7) "Entering the Landscapes of Children's Literature"; and (8) "Children's Special Places." Contains five bibliographies that conclude the volume: (1) works cited; (2) resources for teachers; (3) children's books with maps; (4) books with panoramic views; and (5) books for mapping. (BT)

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